<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

The claims have not been amended herein. For convenience, however, a complete listing of the currently-pending claims follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A printer which is connected, via a network, to an external apparatus storing data, comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive acquisition information indicating data to be acquired and layout information necessary for assigning an image based on the acquired data to a recording medium having a predetermined size, the acquisition information and the layout information being input by a user;

a sending unit adapted to send the acquisition information and the layout information received by said receiving unit to the external apparatus via the network so as to cause the external apparatus to acquire the data in accordance with the sent acquisition information and generate printing data;

an acquisition unit adapted to acquire the printing data generated by the external apparatus; and

a printing unit adapted to print the printing data acquired by said acquisition unit,

wherein the external apparatus generates the printing data by formatting, based on the layout information, the data corresponding to the acquisition information from the stored data.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A printer according to claim 1, wherein the acquisition information is represented by URI.

4 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A printer according to claim 1, wherein the layout information includes information on the recording medium.

7. (Previously Presented) A printer according to claim 1, wherein the layout information is information designating a page and said acquisition unit acquires the printing data corresponding to the designated page.

8. (Previously Presented) A printer according to claim 1, wherein the data acquired by the external apparatus is described with a structured description language, and

wherein the structured description language is XML or HTML.

9 - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A printing method for a printer which is connected, via a network, to an external apparatus storing data, comprising the steps of:

receiving acquisition information indicating data to be acquired and layout information necessary for assigning an image based on the acquired data to a recording medium having a

predetermined size, the acquisition information and the layout information being received from a user;

sending the received acquisition information and the layout information unit to the external apparatus via the network so as to cause the external apparatus to acquire the data in accordance with the sent acquisition information and generate printing data;

acquiring the printing data generated by the external apparatus; and

printing the image based on printing data,

wherein the external apparatus generates the printing data by formatting, based on the layout information, the data corresponding to the acquisition information from the stored data.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein the acquisition information is represented by URI.

20 - 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein the layout information includes information on the recording medium.

23. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein the layout information is information designating a page and there are acquired the printing data for output corresponding to the designated page.

24. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein the acquired data by the external apparatus is described with a structured description language, and wherein the structured description language is XML or HTML.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A printing method for a printer which is connected, via a network, to an external apparatus storing data, comprising the steps of:

receiving layout information required for assigning an image based on data to a recording medium having a first size, the received layout information including information on the recording medium having the first size, the layout information being received from a user;

changing the received layout information to layout information assigning an image based on the data to a recording medium having a second size different from the first size, the changed layout information including information on the recording medium having the second size;

sending, from the image forming apparatus to the external apparatus via the network, the changed layout information so as to cause the external apparatus to generate printing data for output, wherein the image based on the printing data for output can be accommodated in the second size based on the sent layout information; and

acquiring the printing data for output generated by the external apparatus, based on the layout information sent in said sending step.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 26, wherein the information on the recording medium is information indicating a sheet size.

29 - 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously Presented) A printer according to claim 1, further comprising a changing unit adapted to change, in a case where paper of a size indicated by the layout information received by said receiving unit is not provided in said printer, the layout information to the layout information indicating a size of paper provided in said printer.

47. (Previously Presented) A printing method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of changing, in a case where paper of a size indicated by the layout information is not provided in the printer, the layout information to the layout information indicating a size of paper provided in the printer.

48. (Previously Presented) A printer which is connected, via a network, to a Web server holding plural Web pages, comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive a URL indicating the Web page to be acquired and layout information necessary for printing the acquired Web page, the URL and the layout information being input by a user;

a sending unit adapted to send the URL and the layout information received by said receiving unit to the Web server via the network;

an acquisition unit adapted to acquire printing data generated by the Web server; and

a printing unit adapted to print the printing data acquired by said acquisition unit,

wherein the Web server generates the printing data by formatting, based on the layout information, the Web page corresponding to the URL from among the plural held Web pages.

49. (Previously Presented) A control method for a printer which is connected, via a network, to a Web server holding plural Web pages, comprising the steps of:

receiving a URL indicating the Web page to be acquired and layout information necessary for printing the acquired Web page, the URL and the layout information being input by a user;

sending the received URL and the received layout information to the Web server via the network;

acquiring printing data generated by the Web server; and

printing the acquired printing data,

wherein the Web server generates the printing data by formatting, based on the layout information, the Web page corresponding to the URL from among the plural held Web pages.